

R E M A R K S

Claims 21, 22 and 24 to 38 as set forth in Appendix I of this paper are currently pending in this case. Claim 23 has been canceled and Claim 21 has been amended as indicated.

Accordingly, applicants have amended Claim 21 to represent the subject matter of Claim 23 in independent form, and have amended Claim 34 to be independent from Claim 21. No new matter has been added.

In light of applicants' amendment of Claim 21 to read on the subject matter of Claim 23, the Examiner's rejection of Claims 21, 22, 24 to 33, 37 and 38 under Section 102(b) no longer applies. Withdrawal of the respective rejection is respectfully solicited.

The foregoing and the attached also obviates the Examiner's objections to Claims 34 to 36, and the application should therefore be in condition for allowance. Early action by the Examiner would be greatly appreciated.

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Encl.: THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix I)

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A P P E N D I X I:

THE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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21. (currently amended) A non-aqueous sprayable insecticidal composition which comprises
from 10 to 70% by weight of at least one insecticide;
from about 3% to about 9% by weight of an abrasive selected from the group consisting of alkali metal silicates and alkaline earth metal silicates;

from about 2% to about 15% by weight of a surfactant;
from 25 to 75% by weight of a solid inert carrier; and
optionally an effective amount of an agent to inhibit the formation of a film,

wherein the weight percentages are based on the total weight of the non-aqueous sprayable insecticidal composition, and wherein the agent to inhibit the formation of a film is an alkali metal halide or an alkaline earth metal halide.

22. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the agent to inhibit the formation of a film is present in from 1 to 6% by weight of the composition.
23. (canceled)
24. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the inert carrier is kaolin clay.
25. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the abrasive is calcium silicate.
26. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 25, wherein the calcium silicate is present in from 5 to 7% by weight of the composition.
27. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the surfactant is present in from 2 to 7% by weight of the composition.
28. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, which comprises
from 10 to 30% by weight of the at least one insecticide;
from about 2% to about 7% by weight of the surfactant; and
from 55 to 75% by weight of the solid inert carrier.
29. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 28, wherein the insecticide is selected from insecticides effective against crawling insect pests.
30. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 29, wherein the crawling insect pests are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, ants, crickets, silverfish, earwigs, flour beetles, termites and wood-boring beetles.

31. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, which comprises
from 10 to 30% by weight of the at least one insecticide;
from about 2% to about 7% by weight of the surfactant;
from 55 to 75% by weight of the solid inert carrier; and
from 1 to 6% by weight of the agent to inhibit the formation of a film.
32. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 31, wherein the insecticide is selected from insecticides effective against crawling insect pests.
33. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 32, wherein the crawling insect pests are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, ants, crickets, silverfish, earwigs, flour beetles, termites and wood-boring beetles.
34. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, which comprises
from 10 to 30% by weight of the at least one insecticide;
from about 3% to about 9% by weight of calcium silicate;
from about 2% to about 7% by weight of the surfactant;
from 55 to 75% by weight of kaolin clay; and
from 1 to 6% by weight of calcium chloride.
35. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 34, wherein the insecticide is selected from insecticides effective against crawling insect pests.
36. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 35, wherein the crawling insect pests are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, ants, crickets, silverfish, earwigs, flour beetles, termites and wood-boring beetles.
37. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the insecticide is selected from insecticides effective against crawling insect pests.
38. (previously presented) The composition defined in claim 21, wherein the crawling insect pests are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, ants, crickets, silverfish, earwigs, flour beetles, termites and wood-boring beetles.